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Office of Parks

TREE BOARD
Thursday, April 6, 2023
5:30 PM
North Conference Room

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order, Roll Call
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes
Action requested: review and approve
 - a. March 13, 2023 Minutes
- 3) Discussion and Possible Action
 - a. City of Mequon Tree Preservation Ordinance
 - b. City of Mequon Policy Manual for Tree Protection and Preservation
- 4) Open Discussion
- 5) Adjourn

Dated: April 6, 2023

/s/ Carol Bangs, Chair

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Notice is hereby given that a quorum of other governmental bodies may be present at this meeting to present, discuss and/or gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility, although they will not take formal action thereto at this meeting.

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TREE BOARD
Monday, March 13, 2023
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Minutes

- 1) Call to Order, Roll Call
Chair Bangs called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

Present:

Chair Carol Bangs
Vice Chair Cheryl Brickman
Board Member Ann Dredge
Alderman Robert Strzelczyk
Board Member Nancy Szatkowski
Also present: Forester Herlache.

- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes
a. February 17, 2023, Minutes

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Board Member Dredge
SECONDED BY: Board Member Brickman

AYES: Bangs, Brickman, Dredge, Strzelczyk, Szatkowski

- 3) Discussion and Possible Action
a. **Swan Ridge Farms Street Tree Approval**

Amendments made:

- 1. The (16) Emerald Queen Maple is to be replaced by 8 Exclamation Plane trees and 8 Tulip trees.
- 2. The (20) Fire King Muscledwood are to be replaced with 10 Gladiator Crabapple trees and 10 Firebird Crabapple trees.

RESULT: **Approved as Amended [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Board Member Brickman
SECONDED BY: Board Member Szatkowski

Attachment: 3-13-23 Tree (8315 : Macrh 13, 2023 Minutes)

AYES: Bangs, Brickman, Dredge, Strzelczyk, Szatkowski

b. Specimen Tree Value Amendment to City of Mequon Policy Manual for Tree Protection and Preservation

Discussion ensued to accurately appraise removed specimen trees to reflect their value and contributions aesthetically, environmentally, and economically.

- 4) Adjourn
 - a. Motion to Adjourn

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Alderman Strzelczyk
SECONDED BY: Board Member Dredge

AYES: Bangs, Brickman, Dredge, Strzelczyk, Szatkowski

Respectfully Submitted,

Ren Schlereth
Administrative Assistant

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Office of Tree Board

TO: Tree Board
FROM: Nathan Herlascher,
DATE: April 6, 2023
SUBJECT: City of Mequon Tree Preservation Ordinance

Discuss educational flier informing public of benefits of trees and a summary of intent of the City of Mequon Tree Preservation Ordinance

Drafted by: Carol Bangs, Chair

- Trees provide protection from erosion, replenish ground water, provide wildlife habitats, ameliorate air pollution, moderate climate, property values, and increase scientific, educational, and recreational activities.

- Part of the concern for trees is to keep what is left of our Old Growth Forests. Preservation of the remnants of these forests during land development and building construction is a priority.

- Preservation and planting of trees in Mequon is an important community resource. It enhances the quality and general welfare and is a basis of the uniqueness of our city.

- Because of the above tree concerns, if you wish to remove a healthy larger tree or group of trees contact the Mequon City Forestry Department. (Phone?)



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TO: Tree Board
FROM: Nathan Herlascher,
DATE: April 6, 2023
SUBJECT: City of Mequon Policy Manual for Tree Protection and Preservation

City of Mequon Policy Manual for Tree Protection and Preservation negligent removal reform and specimen tree monetary value reform

Discussion of monetary value of specimen trees. While ample effort is put towards to preservation of trees, it is among the consensus of Tree Board and the Mequon Forestry Department that specimen trees shall be more accurately appraised to reflect their value and contributions aesthetically, environmentally, and economically. If a tree is negligently removed, owner/developer would be responsible for 100% of caliper inches lost. For example, if a homeowner removed a 20-inch specimen tree without consent, they would be fined \$2,000.00. If a 40-inch specimen tree was negligently removed, the cost would be \$4,000.00. Upon recent discussion within prior Tree Board meetings, there is consensus that the appraisal of specimen trees to represent monetary value more accurately is imperative. Discussion of possible amendment to monetary value of specimen trees is to be supported by the CTLA Trunk Formula Method. The methods used to appraise trees are published in The Guide for Plant Appraisal, 9th edition, authored by all major arboriculture, horticulture, and real estate industry organizations (Purcell, 2018). The appraisal process is used to develop a supported estimate of current value based on multiple factors.

While appraising specimen trees, 4 main values will have to be considered:

1. Tree Size
2. Tree Species
3. Tree Condition
4. Tree Location.